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1. OUR TACTIC WITH TURKISH LAST EVENING APPEARS TO HAVE PAID OFF. LOWER RANKING TURKISH OFFICER HAS THIS MORNING ADVISED HIS BRITISH COUNTERPART ON "PERSONAL AND INFORMAL BASIS" THAT HE BELIEVES HE COULD SELL DRAFT TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WITH ICJ PARA REMAINING AS OPERATIVE PARA 4. HE THREW OUT SOME CHANGED WORDING, BUT FACT IS THERE HAS BEEN TURKISH MOVEMENT.

2. MEANWHILE, GREEK AMB PAPOULIAS MET WITH OUR FOUR-POWER GROUP THIS MORNING TO GIVE GREEK ANSWER. THEY ARE AUTHORIZED BY ATHENS TO ACCEPT LATEST FOUR-POWER WORKING PAPER (USUN 3377), PROVIDED NO CHANGES MADE. IN EVENT TURKS DO NOT ACCEPT, GREEKS "HOPE" WE FOUR WILL PRESENT WORKING PAPER TO SC MONDAY AS DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. FRENCH SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THAT COURSE; BRITISH, ITALIANS AND I MADE CLEAR WE HAD NO AUTHORITY FOR THAT COURSE. RICHARD SAID HE PREFERRED DRAFT STAY AS IS BUT WOULD BE PREPARED TRY FURTHER COSMETIC CHANGES WITH BOTH PARTIES IN ORDER GET TURKS ON BOARD. MATTER IS NOW ONE OF TACTICS AND STAGE SEEMS WELL SET FOR HABIB ARRIVAL.

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